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SUMMARY: DESPITE SHARP LEFT-WING AND GRIVASITE PRESS  
ATTACKS ON CYPRUS' ROLE IN NIMBUS STAR, GOVT PIO HAS ISSUED  
HELPFUL STATEMENT. MAKARIOS UNTROUBLED BY PROTESTS, EVEN  
FROM COMMUNIST AMBASSADOR (PROBABLY SOVIET). END SUMMARY

1. APRIL 17 GOV PIO (1) CONFIRMED THAT ONLY 200-300 MEN  
(ROTATED FROM "TWO JIMA" CREW) WILL BE STATIONED ON DHEKELIA  
AT ANYTIME, FOR DURATION CANAL-CLEARING OPERATION; (2) DENIED  
"TA NEA" CANARD THAT USG HAD ASKED TO STATION 1500 MARINES  
IN CYPRUS; (3) CONFIRMED THAT DHEKELIA-BASED MEN WILL BE  
ALLOWED CIRCULATE THROUGHOUT CYPRUS. ONLY "TA NEA" REPORTS  
THAT FIRST DISEMBARKATION POSTPONED INDEFINITELY YESTERDAY  
FOR "UNKNOWN REASONS".

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2. NEGATIVE EDITORIAL COMMENT, LEFT AND RIGHT, RE USG MILITARY PRESENCE IN CYPRUS. LEFTIST PRESS USES MARINES AS "EVIDENCE" THAT USG MOVING TO TAKE OVER SBA'S.

A. COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI" QUOTES MANIFESTO FROM COMMUNIST "PANCYPRIAN PEACE COUNCIL" EXPRESSING UNEASE AT USG MILITARY PRESENCE, CALLS ON GOCYPRUS TO RECONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROJECT.

B. LYSSARIDES' "TA NEA" CONTINUES RABID, HAYMAKER-SWINGS AT "IMPERIALISTIC INVASION". LINKS USG MILITARY PRESENCE TO ALL UNTOWARD EVENTS ON CYPRUS "EVEN BEFORE 1964", AND DARKLY HINTS AT FUTURE COUP, ASSASSINATION OF MAKARIOS, "IMPOSED SOLUTION". PAPER MILDLY REBUKES MAKARIOS FOR PRESENCE OF MARINES BUT REFUSES TO BELIEVE GOCYPRUS APPROVED OPERATION. CONCLUDES WITH CALL FOR EXPULSION "ANGLO-AMERICANS" AND SBA'S.

C. NEW ELEMENT IS STRONG EDITS FROM GRIVASITE PAPERS, "ETHNIKI" AND "MESIMVRINI", WHICH SHARPLY REBUKE USG FOR PRO-TURKISH POLICIES, AND CALL FOR AMERICANS TO SEEK BASES ELSEWHERE.

D. ENOSIST "ELEFThERIA" HOPES USG WILL RECONSIDER CYPRUS POLICY AS QUID PRO QUO FOR STATIONING OF HELICOPTER/MARINES. ALL OTHER PAPERS AVOID COMMENT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE GOCYPRUS NOT BRAGGING ABOUT ITS ROLE IN NIMBUS STAR, PIO REMARKS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. WE LIKELY HEAR MORE CRITICISM DURING PARTY CONFERENCES OF LYSSARIDES' EDEK (APRIL 20-21) AND COMMUNIST AKEL (APRIL 25-28). MAKARIOS APPARENTLY NOT RPT NOT TROUBLED BY SPLENETIC PRESS ARTICLES, THOUGH HE DID TELL CHARGE APRIL 17 THAT UNNAMED COMMUNIST AMBASSADOR (PROBABLY SOVIET) HAD PROTESTED GOCYPRUS ROLE IN NIMBUS STAR OPERATION. WE HAD ANTICIPATED LEFTIST CRITICISM, RATHER SURPRISED AT SHARP CRITICISM FROM RIGHT.

4. FOCUS OF CRITICISM, NATURALLY ENOUGH, IS ON PRESENCE OF MARINES RATHER THAN ON ASSEMBLY OF MINE DETECTING HELICOPTERS. WE COULD USE ANY MATERIAL USIS CAN GENERATE CALLING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTENTION TO HELICOPTERS' ROLE INPREPARING FOR REOPENING OF SUEZ, HOPEFULLY WITH PICTURES.  
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